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Senator Nancy Cassis Supports Hollister, Rising Appointments

Senate Committee Confirms Nominations of CIS, Treasury Directors

(LANSING) – State Senator Nancy Cassis along with the other members of the Senate Government Operations Committee this week supported the appointments of Lansing Mayor David Hollister and Jay Rising to head the Department of Consumer and Industry Services and the Department of Treasury.

“These two fine men bring tremendous credentials to their respective positions,” Cassis said. “It is our duty to scrutinize carefully the appointees of the Governor, but likewise, to swiftly approve the individuals who are well-qualified. In these two cases, the latter was most definitely the case.”

Current Lansing Mayor David Hollister was supported by a unanimous vote in the committee Jan. 14 in the first advice and consent hearing of a gubernatorial appointment in nearly a decade. Mr. Rising, also nominated unanimously, was nominated January 15 in the second of such hearings.

The Michigan Constitution gives the state Senate the power to offer advice and consent on gubernatorial appointments of agency directors and numerous members of state boards and commissioners. The Senate Government Operations Committee will hold hearings on all Gov. Jennifer Granholm’s appointees to head up state departments.

As chair of the Senate Finance Committee, Senator Cassis will work with Mr. Rising and the Treasury Department on pertinent business and tax issues that will help accelerate Michigan’s economy.

Cassis expects the committee’s recommendations on the Hollister and Rising appointments will be taken up by the full Senate when it convenes Jan. 21